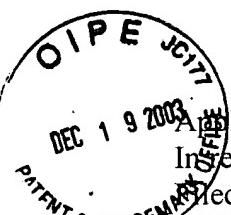


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**SECOND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on Page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on Page 13 of this paper.

Applicants submit that the present application now stands in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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